

Questions and Answers
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NOTE: ANSWERS ARE IN BOLD

Q1. Can you provide a drawing detail of the column covers with dimensions?

The column covers will have to be site measured by the contractor. Please refer to As-Built drawings VA44-32-05-S3-Layout1 and VA44-32-05-P3-Layout1 for location of columns in reference to drawing A-101.

Please refer to specification 09 06 00 SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES

Column Covers:

Gage Metals -

Koroseal -

CC- 1 - GM433A Silver

CC-2 - GM431A Copper/Copper



Q2. Can you provide details regarding the ICARE – note 3 on drawing A-101? Is the existing wall paper ICARE to be relocated?

Contractor to provide new ICARE wallpaper to fit in its new location.

Please refer to the following web page concerning ICARE: <http://www.va.gov/icare/>

Proposed new ICARE wallpaper shall be submitted to the government for approval, and shall have everything current ICARE shows.

Q3. Will the existing directory signage be relocated or will the contractor be required to provide any new signage?

Government shall provide new directory signage.

Q4. On drawing A-107 what do K and C indicate? We assume C is contractor indicating contractor to install?

“K” represents the Government (specifically Canteen Services), and you are correct in that “C” is for the contractor to install, but government will provide the equipment.

Q5. A-107 – can you provide details on the security rolling grill?

It shall be motor operation, a minimal of UL classified to 3 hours Fire rated, and “S” rating for smoke leakage. The minimum width shall be 12’ and min height to be 5’ or as allowed by equipment from the canteen. Contractor will confirm measurements and develop shop drawings to submit for government for approval.

NOTE: Government shall provide additional information concerning an image to be overlaid onto the metal security rolling grill.

Q6. There is an existing fire alarm panel in the lobby that will have to be relocated. We did not see this indicated on the drawings as to where and the extent of this work?

Yes, coordinated with COR and VA Safety department for location in the new reception area. Also, for each entry and exit points there shall be a pull down station including entry and exit points in the new steel glass shelter that is to be constructed.

Q7. Is the intent of the project to remove all the curbing and install new curb and gutter in the front entrance loop where the new paving will be done? It appears that this will need to be done.

The intent is to promote drainage as not to leave any water standing between curbing /gutter and road. The road grade could be changed or new curbing to be installed. Design drawing must be submitted for government approval showing evaluation of new road and curb/gutter showing drainage of the area. A surveyor will be required for this work and the surveyor’s data shall also be submitted to the government for review.

Understand if the contractor prefers to change the grade of the road he or she takes on full responsibility of any unforeseen conditions.

Q8. The passenger elevators will need to be shut down to the 1st floor to allow the flooring to be installed. Can both elevators be closed at the same time and for how long? If not, can you give bidders a general idea of how this work will be accomplished?

No, both elevators cannot be closed at the same time; only one elevator can be closed for construction. This work shall be done after regular work hours and hard construction barrier shall be built to prevent any patients or staff from wondering into construction site. Contractor shall refer to construction drawings for phasing, and develop a work plan with the phases presented in order to minimize an impact on VAMC Salisbury operations at and around B2 Front Entrance. Contractor work plan shall include dust control, erosion control, noise control, access for patient and staff, and traffic control plan for delivery and removal of materials.

Contractor can only have an elevator down, and for no longer than 1 week.

Q9. Can you provide additional details/drawing on the sliding door for the temporary entrance? Will this door remain or be removed and replaced with glass?

The sliding door shall be fully automatic for temporary entrance, and shall be similar to what is shown on A-105 for size, and this door shall remain. The door details shall depend greatly on the glass shelter system that is constructed.

Q10. On drawing S-102, top left corner indicates that there is to be a Department of Veterans Seal imprinted on the glass. Is this to be a decal, etched into the glass? Please provide more information of the intent and requirement.

To be etched.

Q11. Also, for the seals of each armed forces branch, the plans read that the imaging/letters is to be frosted. Please provide more information.

The glass is to be frosted and imaging/ lettering to be clear in order to create the image of each seal in respect to frosted glass.

Q12. Bringing the flooring to the appropriate levels to meet the transition requirements as indicated on Drawing A-102 is going to be VERY noisy and will require hall ways to be blocked off. Will this work be able to be done during normal hours? How much of an area can be blocked off at one time?

No, this work cannot be done during normal business hours. The work shall be completed after regular work hours, similar in nature to the elevators. Contractor shall coordinate amount to be blocked off at one time with the COR.